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Solidarity with the Indonesian Students

On Behalf of RENETIL and on my behalf I would like to convey our sincere condolences to the families of the Indonesian students who were killed during a pacific demonstration on the 12th May 1998 in Jakarta. To the students injured, detained, and to those who continue the struggle for democracy in Indonesia, I convey my deepest solidarity and support.

Although those 6 students have been killed, their ideas have not, and they continue to endure. Their shouts and speaking out for liberty and democracy continue to echo in our ears and also continue to unite our hearts. Therefore, we can not draw back not even a little, but on the contrary, we have to go on, keeping our heads up and continue to fight in the defence of justice and democracy. If we draw back it will not only mean the betrayel of the students□ blood but also a victory over the Dictator Suharto, who for more than 30 years has been ruling the big Nation of Indonesia over the bodies of their best sons from □marbaen□ who were murdered because of their struggle for peace, justice and democracy.

The military and the police have committed an unforgiving mistake by opening fire through the unarmed students who are their own sons, brothers, grandsons or other relatives. While the dictator and his family continue to enjoy their richness obtained with the sweat of the Indonesian People, through corruption, and so on. This is why I appeal to the Indonesian militaries and police, to not open fire over your sons, brothers, nephews and grandsons, but to turn your guns to the dictator Suharto who for 30 years has been exploring, stealing, colonising, oppressing and exterminating the People of Indonesia and the People of East Timor.

I appeal to the Indonesian brothers to continue to resist and to develop pacific demonstrations over all the national territory of Indonesia, because it is the only possible way to win. Although we are helpless our spirit and determination are stronger than Suharto□s guns. The International Community is on your side, therefore the struggle for democracy must go on. The fall of Suharto□s Regime is the solution for the Nation, for the Indonesian People and for the People of East Timor. This regime has always been the cause for all the political as well as economic crises both in Indonesia and East Timor.

I appeal to the Indonesian students, dear our brothers, to support Dr. Amien Rais, and the other leaders who have decided to lead the opposition against the regime of Suharto. Without a clear and strong

leadership it becomes extremely difficult to reach Democracy in Indonesia.
If during 23 years, the dictator Suharto was not able to defeat the small and helpless People of East Timor who has been resisting alone, he will not win now that we are united. Although we have different goals Suharto will never scream victory. We have to strengthen our support to fight the blooded regime of Suharto who has already murdered hundreds of thousands of Timorese and millions of Indonesian civilians.
The death of six students was a hard blow for the Indonesian People and the Democrats but it can also be the beginning of the victory. This is why we have to unite our strength to continue the struggle without any religious, ethnic, political or ideological discrimination.
I appeal to the students from all continents to give their solidarity and support to the Indonesian Students, because their struggle is also our struggle. Justice, Liberty and Democracy is a gift to all the Peoples in the world.

Once again I convey my deepest and sincere sympathy and solidarity.

A Luta Continua!
To Resist is to win!

Carlos da Silva Lopes
Secretary of the DIGAREX: